



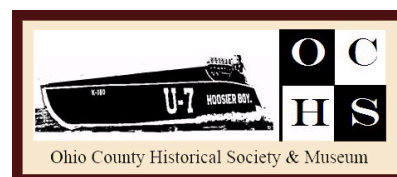
Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA)*

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- **Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board-** The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board once again has two archaeology members. Beth McCord was appointed by the DNR Director and SHPO Rob Carter in August and will be serving as a professional historical archaeologist. Ms. McCord is the Indiana Branch Manager for Gray and Pape, Inc. in Indianapolis. She joins archaeologist Mitch Zoll in serving. The Review Board is the committee that makes decisions on a number of preservation-related issues and provides public oversight to the programmatic and regulatory activities of the DHPA. To learn more about the Board, feel free to go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/2785.htm>.
- **Ohio County Outreach-** DHPA Archaeologist Wade Tharp will be giving a Powerpoint presentation titled *Archaeology in Your Community* at the Ohio County Historical Society & Museum in Rising Sun, Indiana. The free presentation will be Nov. 9, 2012 at 5:30 pm.
- **Outreach in Hammond-** On November 4, 2012, at 1pm, State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will present a 90 minute public program titled: *Natural Rhythms: Prehistoric and Historic Native Americans in Indiana and Their Natural and Cultural Worlds*. The presentation will include an overview of prehistoric and historic Native American groups in Indiana, and a discussion of how prehistoric and historic Native Americans interacted with natural features in the environment and landscape, how the environment influenced groups, and how aspects of the natural world became incorporated into Native American culture, lifestyles, and symbolic worlds. The free event will be at Gibson Woods Nature Center (<http://www.hammondindiana.com/gibwoods.htm>) in Hammond, Indiana.
- **Holiday Shopping-** It is not too early to begin to think about holiday shopping ideas. Why not consider a present that involves archaeology? Indiana Archaeology Month shirts are still available, and at only \$6.00 each



would make great gifts. To learn more about the shirts and how to order them, feel free to go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4289.htm>.

- **Noble County Outreach-** On October 6th, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams was on site to assist in shoebox archaeology digs at the Heritage Day at Historic Stanley Schoolhouse, Chain O'Lakes State Park, Albion. In celebration of the cultural history of the park, there were historic hands-on activities next to the restored historic (1915) schoolhouse, including candledipping, cattail twine bracelet making, and the public could also tour the Stanley Schoolhouse.
- **Archaeological Site of the Month-** Sometimes, archaeological and human burial sites are discovered accidentally. This was the case with 12Le348, the Michigan City Old Graveyard. In 2002, a remodeling project was begun at a school in LaPorte County. Construction excavation encountered human remains, and the project activities stopped, per Indiana Code 14-21-1. During the course of the archaeological investigation by Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne which followed (conducted under an approved plan), 15 partial and complete historic burials were recovered from the portion of the cemetery location which had been impacted by the construction activities. After scientific studies were conducted, the remains were reburied in another location. To learn more about this cemetery site, its history, and the archaeological studies which were conducted, go to <http://new.ipfw.edu/dotAsset/125665.pdf>.
- **Archaeology Grant Applications-** Three of the DHPA archaeologists will be part of the DHPA team which will review the proposals for the Historic Preservation Fund archaeology grants submitted to our office this year. We were pleased to receive eight applications in this category, which we believe is a record number for the archaeology category. Recommendations regarding the proposed grants will be provided to the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board for consideration at its meeting in late January.
- **Indianapolis Outreach-** Archaeologist Wade T. Tharp represented the IDNR/DHPA at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis National Archaeology Day event on Saturday, October 20, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wade was on hand to distribute DHPA literature and to answer questions about Indiana archaeology, cultural resources preservation, and Indiana archaeology laws.
- **New Online Database and Submittal Form for Environmental Review Requests-** DHPA has launched a new system to allow everyone to access and view the list of federal and state projects sent to our office for review. Now you can search, check the status, and confirm receipt of submittals by visiting the DHPA website at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/7440.htm>.



The new online database includes projects submitted to the DHPA within the last 30 days and it can be searched by county, agency, date received, location, keyword, project or DHPA identification number to help you find information quickly. As you search, please know that new submittals are included weekly and will appear within 5-7 days from receipt. With this improved system, DHPA has discontinued sending individual confirmation receipts by email. We hope that you find the new online database to be a valuable tool to obtain information about project reviews anytime, at your convenience.

Additionally, to further improve the accuracy and efficiency of project reviews performed by the DHPA, a new submittal form is available online at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/7440.htm>. The Review Request Submittal form (SF 55031) is a simple coversheet that can be completed online, printed, and attached to submittals for state and federal project review sent to DHPA. We are asking that you include it with your submittals to help us quickly and accurately log your project and respond to your needs in the most efficient way possible.

- **Outreach in Indianapolis** - On October 19th, 2012, Archaeologist Rachel Sharkey represented the DHPA at the Indiana State Museum's annual Geofest, an event that showcased a variety of different fossils, rocks, and minerals from experts from all over the country.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>

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- Provides protection and preservation of Indiana's finite and fragile archaeological resources
- Implements the state law providing protection for archaeological sites and human remains
- Reviews, evaluates and comments upon projects that may affect archaeological resources
- Maintains standards and guidelines for archaeology in Indiana and provides technical assistance
- Promotes public education about the science through publications, training and presentations
- Offers grant funds for archaeological projects
- Maintains the repository of archaeological records and state site database